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Future dates, times and event information need to be dropped off at the Ground Zero office by the 15 th of the month . Thanks..... Be a patriot !! Join our fight against discrimination. Become a member! Cost is only $10 !! And membership DOES have its privileges !!

OCTOBER 30, SATURDAY, 8:00PM - 1:30AM Pueblo After 2 presents **COME AS YOU WERE,** a past life party and costume ball at the **HOTEL PUEBLO**, 2001 N. Hudson Ave. UPSTAIRS BALLROOM **$5.00 advance donation, $7.00 at door**. There will be dancing, hors d'oeuvres and Cash bar. Music by Jocelyn. Cash prizes for best costumes. For more information call 566-0642 or 545-1510.

NOVEMBER 1, 8, 15, MONDAYS, 6:00 - 8:00PM HIV/AIDS Caregivers' Workshop, Southern Colorado AIDS Project is presenting a three part HIV/AIDS Caregivers' Workshop. The first program will focus on psycho-social issues for persons living with AIDS and their families, and legal issues pertaining to HIV/AIDS. The second program will cover entitlements, S-CAP services, local medical availability, and insurance issues. The third Program will focus on home-care, end of life issues, and hospice care. Registration is for all three programs. Call the S-CAP office for details, 578-9092.

NOVEMBER 3, WEDNESDAY, 5:30PM Candle Light Vigil, Acacia Park, Candle Light procession down Tejon to the First Congregational Church, 20 E. Vrain St. Donna Red Wing, Executive Director of the Lesbian Community Project in Portland, will speak. LaGuia will present Latina Lesbians in the United States. Come join us, to remember, to celebrate, to honor ourselves and each other.

NOVEMBER 4, THURSDAY, 6:30PM - 9:30PM "One Year Later" A night of music, food, drink and fun at the **FINE ARTS CENTER**, 30 W. DALE STREET, $15.00/Ticket, 2 for $25,00. (Ticket prices tax deductible). Music provided by Geoff Cleveland and Friends. A great time will be had by all. Come on out!

NOVEMBER 6, SATURDAY, AMERICAN VOICES, WILLIAM S. ROBINSON THEATRE, GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO **Conference Fee $10.00; Conference and Box Lunch $15.00** An all day workshop focusing on developing a voice for the middle ground in the struggle for the direction of public policy in a diverse society. Keynote Speakers, Gov. Richard Lamm and Dottie Lamm. For more information, call 303-241-3670.

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NOVEMBER 5 & 6, FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 8:00PM, FORT COLLINS, THE RAINBOW CHORUS presents **"ALL RIGHTS RESERVED".** The Rainbow Chourus, uniting Gay & Straight voices in Peace and Harmony, presents a choral suite written for the Chorus by David Maddux. The concerts will be at the Plymouth Congregational Church, 916 W. Prosept Rd in Fort Collins. Tickets available at the door, $5 donation appreciated.

NOVEMBER 6, SATURDAY, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, BOULDER CAMPUS, CONFLICT RESOLUTION CONSORTIUM, All day workshop: Intractable Conflict and Constructive Confrontation Conference. For more information contact Heidi or Guy Gurgess, 303-492-1635

NOVEMBER 6, SATURDAY, SPED (Speakers Project to End Discrimination) TRAINING WORKSHOP, AURARIA Three hours on ideas, resources, exercises, resources and statistics on homophobia for use in presentations on general gay and lesbian issues. Call SPED 303-832-6647, TTD: 303-572-9026 or FAX 303-322-7641.

NOVEMBER 6, SATURDAY, 8:00pm, THE COLORADO SPRINGS DIVERSITY CHORUS presents a Celebration of Diversity in Song at **SMOKEBRUSH CENTER, 235 S. NEVADA, $6.00** (Special rates for economically challenged) Tickets available at Smokebrush. For reservations call 444-0884.

NOVEMBER 7, SUNDAY, DIGNITY/SOUTHERN COLORADO will sponsor a Prayer Vigil and commemoration at 2:00pm. For more information call 635-5773.

NOVEMBER 7, SUNDAY, SPED TRAINING WORKSHOP Full day anti-homophobia training. Auraria See contact numbers under November 6.

NOVEMBER 8, MONDAY, 7:00PM - 9:00PM EAST LIBRARY, 5500 N. UNION BLVD. will present an open forum entitled **CON$IDERING THE CHRI$TMA$ EAON.** This forum will focus on issues concerning the commercialization of Christmas, consumerism, was toys, secular cultural expectations and possible alternative. This is sponsored by the Pikes Peak Justice and Peace Commission. The even is free and all are welcome. For more information, contact the Commission by calling 632-6189

NOVEMBER 10, WEDNESDAY, 7:00 P-FLAG MEETING, WEST SIDE INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER, Jackland y Marquez, Director of the Colorado Civil Rights Commission will speak. All are welcomed. For more information call 575-8658.

NOVEMBER 13, SATURDAY, 6:30PM TO 11:30PM THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF COLORADO INVITES YOU TO THE 1993 CARLE WHITEHEAD MEMORIAL AWARD AND BILL OR RIGHTS CELEBRATION. The Celebration will be held at the Westin Hotel, Tabor Center, Denver, 1672 Lawrence Street, 6:30pm Reception, 7:30pm Dinner and Program, 9:00 Dancing. $150.00/person. Guests of Honor: The plaintiffs in the lawsuit challenging Amendment 2.

NOVEMBER 14, SUNDAY, LesBiGay FAMILIES, Monthly Meeting. Call 570-1599 for more information. See letter from Shellie DuBois in Newsletter.

NOVEMBER 19, FRIDAY, BILL MOYER'S PROGRAM ON PBS. CHECK YOU TV LISTING FOR TIME AND CHANNEL. Be sure you watch it. You'll see some familiar faces!!!!! **LATE NOTE: KTSC TV WILL HOST A TELEVISED TOWN MEETING AT THE SMOKEBRUSH IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BILL MOYER'S SPECIAL. TICKET INFORMATION SEE FLYER.**

A letter from Shellie duBois

Dear Lesbian and Gay Community,

We at LCC (Lesbian Choosing Children) have changed the format of our meetings in the spirit of inclusiveness within our community. We have decided to open our monthly brunches to all Lesbian and Gay parents(or would be parents) and our children. We are a social group who also provide support for one another in parenting issues. If you are a parent or want to become one then bring your honey, your kids or just yourself to our next meeting.

We'll be looking for a new name to. As a temporary name on your calendar, we'll call ourselves LesBiGay Families.

We meet on the second Sunday of each month at member homes. (Though we won't meet in December this year due to the business of that holiday month.) We share a potluck brunch from 10:30am until 12 or 1. For directions to the next meeting call Shellie or Carol at 570-1599.

A PRESS RELEASE FROM GROUND ZERO

In Colorado Springs, the Belly of the Beast, the Vatican of Fundamentalism, an event of historical proportions occurred on Sunday, October 3rd. On the occasion of the Colorado Unity Rally for Equality, produced by the Colorado Springs Minority Coalition, civil rights and social rights leaders journeyed to the Springs to announce the call for all organizations and groups who are oppressed, who are the victims of racism, discrimination, homophobia, intolerance and bigotry, who are concerned with the attack on multiculturalism and our basic constitutional structure by the militant right, to put aside their differences and join hands in coalition to fight for our common goals.

Throughout the day the theme was repeated time and again by spokespersons such as Dolores Huerta, Founder with Cesar Chavez of the Farm Workers of America; Vernon Bellcourt, Founder and Director of the American Indian Movement; Jose Velez, National President of L.U.L.A.C.; Joe Louis Barrow, Spokesperson for Planned Parenthood of America; Gregory Johnson, Regional Director of the American Friends Society; Hamzi Moghrabi, Regional President of the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination League; Saul Rosenthal, Regional Director or the Anti-Defamation League and Marge Taniwaki, Japanese American Political Activist. Added force to the statements were made by State Senator Regis Groff, who was Master of Ceremonies, and by messages sent endorsing the rallies purposes by Colorado's Governor Roy Romer and its U.S. Senator, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, and by President Bill Clinton.

Especially important to the gay and lesbian community was the appearance on this illustrious stage by Peri Jude Radecic, new Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force , who spoke eloquently of the need for the gay and lesbian community to get over its tunnel vision of seeing only the attack on its own rights and to realize that the attack from the militant right on multiculturalism is an attack on the very fabric of America. She urged that gays and lesbians reach out their hands to all those under attack and join in the face of a common foe. She pledged that she would spend much of her time as director of the NGLTF in continuing to develop the ties that had been forged at this rally. "This must not be an end but, rather, a beginning", she said.

Peri Jude recognized the leadership in the struggle to develop coalition that Ground Zero has taken. In conversation with Frank Whitworth, Peri Jude expressed the appreciation of the NGLTF for what Ground Zero has managed to bring about in the face of so much adversity. It was her feeling that the model of Ground Zero's involvement in the Colorado Springs Minority Coalition, not just to support GLBT issues, but to commit to the total agenda of the coalition, and its role in bringing about this rally would and should be used across America in the coming decade. "Coalition," she said, "it not easy. It must be worked for, not assumed. There are times when this work can be most discouraging but, in the end, we can only find success by recognizing that the attack is on us all. We must forget our differences in order to work for our common cause, the elimination of bigotry, intolerance, and racism in America."

Jose Zuniga, Soldier of the Year and Gay Rights Activist, spoke with the authority of his own experience on the effects of random discrimination and re-enforced Peri Jude's call for a unity of effort by all oppressed and concerned communities.

In the Keynote Address of the day, Yolanda King, actress, producer, director, lecturer, daughter of Martin Luther King, Jr., made an impassioned appeal to all communities to set aside differences, to set aside individual ideals and religious issues, and to understand that discrimination, bigotry and racism for whatever reasons is unjust and cannot be permitted. She specifically named homophobia as one of the roots, along with racial and cultural bigotry, of much social and civil injustice in America. She set about to demonstrate the concerns of her father and her own concerns that America will never by truly free so long as man's own injustice to his fellow man exists.

Ms. King was faced with her own decision in deciding to come to Colorado Springs. Because of gay inclusion in the Rally, a small portion of the Colorado's black community had trouble with supporting the Rally. One such leader even called Ms. King to encourage cancellation. Ms. King was concerned that her appearance might affect the "Tracks" Fundraiser to be held in Denver in a few weeks. After much soul searching, however, Ms. King came to the conclusion that her commitment to the concept of coalition outweighed personal considerations and that the very call indicated a need for her to come and urge on everyone, including the reluctant part of the black community, the need for unity and understanding.

Ground Zero intends to go forward from this rally in the laborious task of building coalition. Additionally, Ground Zero is currently working to distribute two videos, "Sacred Lies/Civil Truths," and "Gay Rights in Colorado, The Uncivil War." Further, the organization has just completed a radio series, "Discrimination on Your Doorstep" in ten one hour segments that is also available for distribution. Work has also begun to produce a video meant as a specific, point by point, answer to the "Gay Agenda" which will be called " The Freedom of Truth, " with funding being the only hold up in its completion.

Ground Zero is also working to raise funds to produce a generic "Come Out to the Community" advertising campaign into which individual organizations across the country could insert their own local identities in a concerted multi-media campaign. Planning has also begun to prepare and distribute an edited documentary of the C.U.R.E. Rally. Ground Zero makes available information and publications that have been issued by the militant religious right. Ground Zero is a 501 (c) (3) organization. For further information, Write P.O. Box 1982, Colorado Springs, Co. 80901, or Fax 719-635-6106 or call 719-635-6086.

An Update from Rainbow Central....by David Hackenerry

Dear Rainbow Central Participants,

The Rainbow Central Booth, conveniently located between Frontier Leather Vendors, and the Army recruiter, was visible to the million plus visitors to this year's Colorado State Fair.

Despite a wind gust, which on opening day flung the Continental Airlines hot air balloon across a field into a collision course with our booth (demolishing the booth next-door), we were there throughout the seventeen day run. Yes count them, seventeen days from 10 am until 10 pm with an unlimited supply of corn dogs, cotton candy and funnel cakes!

Pueblo After 2, with the generous support of 20-plus statewide organizations, passed out AIDS information and red ribbons, and signed sponsors for the first annual "From all Walks of Life" Pueblo AIDS walk. We talked to Colorado voters about Amendment 2, and supplied nationwide PFLAG information to supportive visitors. Local, state, and national political and social information, providing a wide range of opportunities, were shared with many who stopped by.

As we tabulated final figures for the fair, we counted more than 1000 persons who signed the People for a Stronger Colorado petition to overturn Amendment 2 at the ballot box.

The Rainbow Quilt was lovely, donated by our PFLAG quilter, Lou Mercer. The quilt drawing attracted 963 registrants and was won by Chuck and Butch from Denver. Fifty one people from out of Colorado entered the drawing, including 2 from Canada, and an entry from England. Several states including Maine, Florida, Arkansas and California were represented, and a State Fair Commissioner also entered.

Many hours were put in by the 76 total volunteers, and that was greatly appreciated. Three windsocks were given away by drawing, being won by Carmela and Paul of Denver, and Richard of Pueblo.

Most experiences were positive, and no serious or threatening situations arose. We, as a community, were able to make a significant statement of firm commitment to our vision of Colorado, and it seems to have been well received.

The booth is safely bedded down in a local horse barn until it is needed again.

Many thanks to the following groups for their generous volunteer participation, financial assistance, and literature donations:

Pueblo, PFLAG	CLIP
Pikes PeakGLCC	GLCCC
New Phazes	U.S. West Eagle
MCC, Pueblo	GLAAD
LaGente Unida	MCC of the Rockies
Ground Zero	Lesbians in Colorado
Citizens Project	The Outfront
Equality Colorado	The Lambda Report
Bond, Boulder	Speakers Project
PFLAG, Denver	People for a Stronger Colorado
Preferred Stock	Jeffco Citizens for Human Rights
HRCF	Co. Human Rights Action Council

Editor's Note: I had the pleasure of stopping by the booth. I was really hoping to win that beautiful quilt. I was surprised by the amount of information available to the general public. Great ch..... I sincerely hope the Rainbow Booth will become a permanent display at all future State Fairs.....

A letter to the Editor:

I have read about your group, and all of the great strides it has made in such horrible conditions. As an Oregonian (Person from Oregon) I know that compassion, love and a swift kick where it counts are needed in the eye of the storm! The nation and the world are looking to Colorado and Oregon for leadership. I use every chance I get to fight bigotry being a "Gay Sailor". It isn't always easy to be gay and in the Navy, but I am and so I'll fight for equality for ALL American. We must fight and be visible, and educate the ignorant, no matter what the cost is. If we fight long enough and hard enough, one day we may wake-up and find ourselves living in a free country. Some day I'd like to have children (somehow) and teach these children that they live in a free country (without laughing).

Please keep-up the good work. The way to victory is through education. I believe (very strongly) that there is a God & (s)he is on our side! If these, "Christians" believe in THEIR doctrine, then they MUST ACCEPT US. How long can this obvious hypocrisy go on?

Stay Proud,

Brent

Editor's note: Brent is aboard a U.S. Naval Ship at sea. If you would like to write to him, please address you letter to Brent: C/O Ground Zero, P.O Box 1982, Colorado Springs, Co. 80901. We will forward all his letters.

LAUNCH OF NEW PAPER

THE COLORADO SPRINGS INDEPENDENT will hit the stands soon! WATCH FOR IT.

Who: Donna Ladd, Managing Editor,
Kathe Eastburn, Co-Publisher
Steve Hesse, Vice President,
John Weiss, Co-Publisher

What: An alternative; A new 30,000 + full service newspaper to serve Pikes Peak Region.

Where: Office - 121 E. Pikes Peak Ave., Suite 455

For more information contact: John Weiss or Kathryn Eastburn 577-4545

A Letter from Boycott Colorado 's Terry Schleder to Ground Zero

Dated October 12, 1993

Today, the lives and livelihood of millions of lesbians, gay men and bisexuals went on trial in Colorado. Your organization's support of the Colorado boycott over Amendment 2 has been instrumental in educating voters across the country of the national anti-gay and lesbian agenda of right-wing groups in our state. Your support must stay strong because it is working.

To recap Amendment 2's effect: its' passage caused an immediate rise in violence toward gay men and lesbians of 700%, now down to approx. 160%; at least one documented suicide; 60% increase in teen suicides; many job and apartment losses; divisiveness in our community that has caused a few Denver gay leaders to forget history and publicly oppose their very own boycott movement.

Your group is one of over 220 organizations, companies, cities and celebrities who responded to Colorado's gay and lesbian community's call for a national protest to legalized discrimination. I am asking you today for your continued support of this boycott movement that is helping our community create change in Colorado and across the nation.

It is likely that Denver's District Court will, once again, rule in our favor. Amendment 2 would then likely be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, where it could be tied up for years. During that time, the best way to prevent it's spread and energize progressive voters in Colorado to repeal the law is the Colorado boycott. This boycott has been one of the largest and most effective in history, and must not be stopped before change is made. In Colorado, home to over 65 anti-gay groups who are prepared to attack again, change means pro-actively securing civil rights protections for gay, lesbians and bisexuals.

When the national boycott was called by my organization on November 19, we had specific goals; to publicize Amendment 2's backers and effects to the nation; to encourage repeal of Amendment 2; to promote the need for gay and lesbian civil rights protection in Colorado and federally. Boycott Colorado organizers rely heavily on the history of successful boycotts promoted by NOW, Nelson Mandela and Cesar Chavez, to name a few.

This boycott is working. All goals are being met, and require further nurturance. One glimmer of hope for a Colorado gay and lesbian civil rights bill has emerged. People For a Stronger Colorado has garnered almost enough petition signatures to place a repeal of Amendment 2 and a simultaneous civil rights bill on the Colorado ballot in November 1994. While I don't believe a majority vote is necessarily the best way to secure civil rights for minorities, the education that has and will come out of this attempt, coupled with the boycott's momentum, is terrific. Colorado would then have the opportunity in 1994 to demonstrate its' "tolerance" of gays that has been recently touted.

Colorado's gay and lesbian community needs the hope and education that will be produced by a repeal effort. Ironically, some prominent gay groups have opposed this effort, fearing another political loss. In our opinion, a loss will not be a devastating to a wounded community as not trying.

Many boycott endorsers such as the American Jewish Congress and the Funding Exchange have promised committed support to the boycott until gays and lesbians have civil rights protection in Colorado. We call on your organization, but especially non-gay civil rights groups who have already secured federal civil rights protections, to make the same commitment, publicly, should a favorable ruling come down in October/November. Together, we must all support a winning strategy all the way. The Colorado Boycott's continued success will encourage progressives to take the next step in this struggle: work for proactive civil rights protection in Colorado and across the country.

Our lives in Colorado are in danger if complacency is encouraged by a court victory, and we are left exposed with no hope or strategy for statewide civil rights protection. The Boycott Colorado movement provides the catalyst for many civil rights campaign strategies.

I urge you to be supportive in this effort.

Familiar Faces

Two familiar faces recently spotted in the newspaper, *OutReach.*

Two years ago, Tamara Bartlett decided she'd had enough of the computer profession and wanted to do something that would give meaning to her life as a woman and an lesbian. With a small inheritance from her mother and a big dream of being a resource of sorts for the southern Colorado crowd, she decided that a bookstore - a women's bookstore - was what would make her happy. She acquired a space, bought a selection of books and got Abaton Books rolling. But after being primarily a women's bookstore for the last two year, Bartlett has had to rethink her marketing and is now going where the money is, the lesbian and gay market. Since opening in 1991 and since Amendment 2 passed last year, Abaton, which is located in old Colorado City just west of town, has become a focal point for area lesbians and gays to get information, share thoughts and learn how to live life freely in a town that often preaches intolerance. A local newsletter called "New Phazes" is published out of the bookstore.

Her partner Brenda Lansberry now operates a computer and electronic repair shop out of Abaton. They hope that such efforts will keep the bookstore going, according to Bartlett. She is committed to the lesbian and gay community of the area and the reason that made her open a bookstore in the first place" "We needed one."

GZ Salutes Gay Veterans

"WOMEN AT WAR", BY ROBERT SCHEER, *PLAYBOY*

Women in the military stand a better chance of being attached by our own soldiers than by the enemy.

Should heterosexual men be excluded from the military? That's not a facetious as it sounds. Women make up an increasingly important component of our Armed Forces, and available data indicate that a high rate of rape and other assaults by military men puts them a serious risk.

In the Gulf war, for example, at least 24 females soldiers were raped or assaulted by men they were serving with. According to the Army's own records, they were raped while otherwise attempting to perform their assigned duties. Some of the rapes were committed at knife-point and most were by men of higher rank. Unreported assaults could send the figure many times higher.

Is the libido of young men so out of control that they cannot be trusted to work alongside women who make up a growing and necessary percentage of America's national security force?

The presence of more than 33,000 females in the Gulf war was a sign of the future. Women will soon make up 12 percent of the active-duty forces. Since modern warfare is now fought by highly trained computer operators and the hand-to-hand combat of grunts is a thing of the past, women can be expected to account for half of the force. The only combat these women have to worry about is with men in the military.

Do I exaggerate? Hardly. The most conservative estimate is that 5 percent of the women on active duty can be expected to be assaulted within a given year by male soldiers. That figure, considered low by some, derives from a 1988 Department of Defense survey. The same survey showed that an additional 53 percent had been pressured for sexual favors, cornered or touched.

Female veterans who have studied the problem say those numbers, horrendous enough, are low. Joan Furey, an Army nurse in the Vietnam war who now counsels veterans at the Veterans Administration psychiatric facility in California, put the assault figure at 30 percent.

Lily Adams, a Vietnam vet who counsels veterans at the VA center in San Francisco, says that, on the basis of her counseling encounters, as many as 80 percent of women in the military "have experienced serious sexual harassment."

I interviewed a female veteran of the Gulf war currently stationed in Oakland. She asked me not to use her name because she feared reprisals. When I asked this lieutenant, a woman with considerable nursing experience, about sexual harassment, she replied simply, "that's just par for the course."

To make her point, she read from the May 31, 1993 issue of Navy Times. Under the headline HARASSMENT EARNS SAILORS DEMOTION, the story reported that "two Navy sailors accused of throwing a female sailor off a boat in a pattern of sexual harassment were demoted and sentenced May 18 to 30 days hard labor." The article added that the 19 year old female stationed on the torpedo boat "was thrown over the side of the craft while it was stationed off British Columbia and held down for simulated sex acts."

Thirty days? Can you imagine the outcry from Sam Nunn if this had been a male on male sexual attack? But if it's heterosexual assault, it's still basically "boys will be boys." Even, as in the Tailhook scandal, when they are aging admirals.

The Tailhook episode, in which 26 women were assaulted, some by fellow officers, demonstrates that the problem lies not with the enlisted men, who are boys, but with the military leadership. Tailhook would never have been prosecuted if it were not for the fact that Barbara Pope had been named as the Navy's first female assistant secretary for man-power. Twenty-six women, including 14 who were naval officers, reported being assaulted, but a Mafia-like code of honor had silenced all of the 1500 interviewed potential witnesses to the orgy. The Navy began its investigation in earnest, getting officers to testify, only when Pope threatened to resign and go public with a denunciation of the cover-up.

"One of the things that bothered me from day one," Pope told the Washington Post, was the "lack of outrage on the part of senior leadership at the behavior that was one of the largest abrogation of leadership in Navy history."

What did she expect? The top naval officers had graduated from a service academy that seems to offer a major in sexual harassment.

Carol Burke taught for seven years at the naval Academy, where many of those officers were turned out. She wrote in The New Republic magazine that misogyny was the norm at the elite academy and that it was usual to see "midshipmen running in formation and chanting in guttural tones: Rape, Maim, Kill Babies. Oorah!"

Several years ago some lads at Annapolis handcuffed a female midshipman to a urinal, ridiculed and photographed her discomfort. Admiral Virgil Hill winked at this degradation as "high-jinx." The woman chained to the urinal was being trained to lead in time of war. Don't the men need to be educated to respect female leadership when they encounter it? What if the men commanded by Lieutenant Phoebe Jeter hadn't obeyed her orders that night

In commemoration of Veteran's Day, November 11

in Saudi Arabia when she directed the shooting down of two Scud missiles?

Although 1.8 million women have served in the military during this nation's history, their lot has never been easy. The first women to serve had to disguise themselves as men. Deborah Sampson Gannett was twice wounded, serving as Robert Shurtleff, in the Revolutionary Army. Then there was Lucy Brewer, who, inspired by reading a book about Sampson, escaped a Boston brothel and served three years in the Marines aboard the U.S.S. Constitution during the War of 1812 while posing as a man.

The Union Army wouldn't let Dr. Mary Walder serve as a surgeon, which was her profession, and for three years she had to prove herself as a nurse. She infiltrated behind the South's lines and was captured and held as a Union spy. For her heroism, she was granted the Congressional Medal of Honor. Walker was still alive in 1917 when, in a fit of meanness typical of its treatment of women, the Army tried to take back the medal and struck her name from the rolls. She refused to give it back, wearing it until she died. It wasn't until 1977 that the medal was made official again.

In World War One, military women were commonly referred to as whores by their male comrades. In the following big war, many of the 400,000 women who served slept with knives in order to thwart attacks from Allied soldiers. In Vietnam, Adams and Furey reports, even high-ranking officers routinely acted on the assumption that the battlefield nurses were there "to service them."

You'd think that the condition of women in the services would have improved as a result of their prominent role during the Gulf war. But the incidence of sexual assault in the Gulf theater was at an all-time high. A VA fact sheet issued in July 1992 reports that "At Vet Centers, the highest percentage of women reporting sexual harassment or assault are Persian Gulf war veterans."

The shabby treatment of females extends to the Veterans Administration, which has refused them equal service. No expertise was developed on medical problems unique to women, and even now there are only 25 mammogram machines in 171 VA hospitals.

Karen Johnson, a veteran in Little Rock, complains bitterly that her VA hospital decided to have a penile-implant program before getting a mammogram machine. Women vets in Little Rock got their tests across the street at a private facility on a contract basis.

Until recently, female veterans were not to treated for posttraumatic-stress disorder, even though many had spent a year of 12-hour days as triage nurses attending the wounded and dying in Vietnam. Women were not included in Agent Orange studies, even though a number had been in areas where the defoliant was routinely sprayed.

It was only last year that Congress, prodded by the Vietnam Veterans of America, passed significant legislation covering the health needs of women vets. Linda Spoonster Schwarta, a former Air Force nurse and Ph.D. candidate at Yale, has been leading the Vietnam Veterans' fight to get Washington to acknowledge the shabby treatment of female veterans. Last year, she documented in the magazine Yale Medicine the difficult struggle to get the government to acknowledge that women could be suffering from posttraumatic stress.

She wrote that posttraumatic stress "was reserved for men who carried guns, not for the women who cared for them when they became the carnage of war. Such official resistance did not sway these women from their conviction that Vietnam was responsible for their terrifying memories and readjustment problems. They were having multiple miscarriages, stillborns and giving birth to children with cancer. They wanted answers. And they would not be ignored."

It is unconscionable that a woman would have to offer proof that she was traumatized by war. But it does not bode well for any of us that women should be even more commonly traumatized by assault from male soldiers in their own ranks who are charged with protecting our collective security.

In commemoration of Veteran's Day, November 11.

NATIONAL WOMEN VETERAN'S CONFERENCE
2902 Irving
Denver, Colorado, 80212-3628

Open to all veterans, Active Duty, National Guard, Reserves, Retirees, and Civilians.

Phone 303-455-6756
Fax 303-455-6737

Sound Off...Your Letters....

by Linda Freeman

In the October issue of the Christian magazine *Charisma*, there is an article on Pastor Ted Haggard and the New Life Church in Colorado Springs. It describes the kind of "warfare" that Pastor Haggard and his followers waged here in the city to eliminate a dangerous element that was taking Colorado Springs straight to hell.

You might think that this "unsavory element" was the homosexual community, but while the gay and lesbian group Ground Zero is mentioned as having set up a "command center", homosexuals are really not even mentioned. No, there is a much more dangerous group in our quiet little city that you were probably never even aware of.

Witches. That's right, witches. And thrown into that category are pagans, Indians, satanic cultists, and anyone that doesn't worship Christ. They had a hold on this town, you know. Devil worshipping, talking to evil spirits, human sacrifices. There were even rumors of babies being slaughtered for Satan.

And all Pastor Ted had to do was pray over the city, over the buildings, and send people out to pray in front of other peoples' houses, and the evil spirits were banished! Amazing! Crime rates dropped, divorce and suicide rates are down, and the foreclosure rate on houses dropped. All it took was the power of prayer. Isn't that incredible? Pastor Ted saved this town!

Or did he?

I'll bet there are a lot of people happy to hear that, especially people like Lane Schmidtke, who was beaten to death on Nevada Avenue one Friday night by a group of teenagers. I'll bet his family is happy, too. And the families of those teenagers who have died from drugs, or who sit in mental hospitals with no minds. Hey, don't worry, Pastor Ted saved the city. It says so, right in Charisma.

After all, crime rates are down from 1984. Who cares that Colorado Springs, a city about three times as big as Boulder, had 20 times as many aggravated assaults as the northern bastion of liberalism. It doesn't really matter that the murder rate of Colorado Springs has gone up every year since New Life Church arrived, or that in 1991 juveniles were responsible for 10 of those murders. Nor does it matter that the total juvenile crimes for 1992 went up substantially from 1991, even though the numbers for certain juvenile crimes were not available. And just ignore the fact that in 1991 Colorado Springs had a rate of 80.2 rapes per 100,000 people, nearly doubled the rate for the entire state of Colorado. Just ignore all the facts. Pastor Ted seemed to.

Divorce rates have dropped. Certainly. From 1989 to 1991 they dropped from 7.2 to 7.1. And suicides? Down from 62 to 56. At least those recorded as suicides. "Other Unintentional Injury Deaths" were up from 49 to 67. Whose to say what this includes?

About the only thing he did get right was the drop in the number of foreclosures. They were almost cut in half. However the price of a home went up nearly 10%, meaning that only those with the right amount of money can get a home. No wonder foreclosures are down.

But now let's talk about the big evil that Pastor Ted ran out of Colorado Springs; those evil witches.

What Pastor Ted, and many on the Ridiculous Right, forget is that the pagan religions have been around longer than the age of Christ. When the Jews were still battling the Egyptians, the pagan religions already existed. They weren't the results of a love of evil, but the reasoning of people trying to reach out to the world around them. Wicca, then and now was not, and is not the worship of demons, but a love of the nature around us. It is a worship of the creator of seasons, of trees and animals, of people and the energy that surrounds us all. And as much as Pastor Ted would like to eliminate it, from Colorado Springs and the world, it still remains strong in this town, and everywhere.

Perhaps what irritates Pastor Ted the most about Wicca and other pagan religions is that there does not have to be a leader. People do not have to join a cult, or a church , to pray to their deity. They interpret the words of their of their god or goddess in the way that feels right to them, not necessarily the way another person would receive the same words. There is no central person or group that you pay tithes to, or you confess to, or you follow in blind obedience. Most importantly, there is no one in control of your life but you and the power you believe in.

So, did Ted Haggard save Colorado Springs? Is this the second coming? You tell me. Look around this city, at the abuse in our governments, at the violence our children must deal with. Look at the schools, and the violence there, and the fact that most of the teenagers who attend our public schools are so afraid they carry weapons to school.

If you have any questions as to whether or not Ted Haggard is the savior of our city, spend a Friday or Saturday night on Nevada Avenue. Watch how the next generation spends it's weekend nights.

And always think for yourself. Don't ever take anyone else's word for something. Check it out. And if you hear someone talking bad about another religious, always remember that everyone's belief is as valid as your own. And just as important.

Linda included a copy of the article from CHRISMA; excerpts follow on the next two pages.....

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MONDAY
NOV. 8TH
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GROUND ZERO AND LA GUIA WILL HOST A CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION FROM ACACIA PARK TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. THE MAIN SPEAKER WILL BE DONNA REDWING FROM OREGON, STARTING THE NIGHT OFF WILL BE LA GUIA. CALL 63506086 FOR DETAILS.

THURSDAY NOV. 4TH 6:30 - 9:30 P.M.

GROUND ZERO WILL BE HOLDING A THE "ONE YEAR LATER" FUNDRAISING CELEBRATION AT THE FINE ARTS CENTER. TICKETS ARE $15 FOR ONE AND $25 FOR TWO. CALL 635-6086 TO ORDER TICKETS, M.C. AND VISA ACCEPTED. WE WILL ALSO BE CELEBRATING THE ARRIVAL OF THE NEW POLITICAL GROUP IN TOWN, SIMPLE JUSTICE.

SATURDAY NOV. 6TH 8:00 P.M.

COLORADO SPRINGS DIVERSITY CHORUS WILL PERFORM "CELEBRATION IN SONG" AT THE SMOKEBRUSH THEATRE. TICKETS ARE $6 WITH SPECIAL PRICES AVAILABLE, CALL 444-0884 FOR INFO.

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VOTE ON NOVEMBER 2ND OR BY MAIL-IN BALLOT

CANDIDATES	A	B	C	D	F	NR	Alert Status
**********	**ADAMS COUNTY**						
Northglenn/ Thornton Director 3							
James Weigel		√					
Bob Brownlee						√	Red Alert
Diane Cozzens					√		Red Alert
Director 4							
Carolyn Jones	√						
Rick Reeser				√-			Red Alert
Nicki Brigham-Gullette						√	Red Alert
**********	**DOUGLAS COUNTY**						
	Vote for 4 candidates						
J. Del Rosario	√						
Tom Evans	√						
Jack Christianson			√				
Patricia Downey						√	
Laurel Jakovakis						√	
John Sheehan						√	
Joan Torres						√	
Mark Griffith						√	Yellow Alert
Lisa Dotur					√		Red Alert
	EL PASO COUNTY						
Lewis Palmer District 1							
Bob Beverly •						√	
Barbara Stober				√-			Red Alert
Widefield							
Martin Kuhn						√	Yellow Alert
Patrick Adragna				√			Yellow Alert
Cheryl Blanton-Chisolm						√	

CANDIDATES	A	B	C	D	F	NR	Alert Status
**********	**EL PASO (cont.)**						
District 20	*Vote for 3 candidates*						
Les Gruen	√						
Bernie Carter	√						
Jill Grossman			√				
Jeanette Van Doren •						√	
Daryll Nantelli						√	Yellow Alert
Don McIver						√	Red Alert
Lee Mazzerella				√			Red Alert
Javier Mazzetti					√		Red Alert
Bob Pemberton					√		Red Alert
District 11	*Vote for 3 candidates*						
Kent Olvey	√						
Dennis Voth		√					
Jesse Brown						√	
Sherry Butcher •						√	
Marcy Weirman						√	
Arthur Nutter					√		Red Alert
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District 3							
Nancy McNally •	√						
Laurence Lotito					√		Red Alert
District 5							
Leanne Storz	√						
Al Rodriquez			√-				Yellow Alert
Terry Rayburn						√	Red Alert

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WOODLAND PARK DIST RE 2	CINDY BLAUCH	RED ALERT

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********** (by name of county) = Mail-in ballot, ballots will be mailed to you and you should send them back in by October 28th

• = incumbent

A = Pro-choice, supports comprehensive, age-appropriate sex education in schools

B = Pro-choice, mixed response on sex education

C = Ambiguous answers - no clear response from candidate

D = Not supportive of comprehensive sex education

F = Anti-choice, not supportive of comprehensive sex education

NR = No response

Red Alert = Poses a threat to reproductive freedoms

Yellow Alert = May pose a threat to reproductive

The Saving of Colorado Springs.....

Excerpts taken from the October,1993 issue of *CHARISMA*, written by J.Lee Grady.

When a young pastor named Ted Haggard moved to Colorado springs, in 1984, he was struck by the town's rugged beauty. But Haggard also sensed a subtle, mysterious hostility in the air. ...he couldn't help feeling that a heavy darkness was brooding over the city.

It was as if some other-worldly presence was casting its shadow from the jagged Rockies. As the Haggards made plans to start a church, the uncanny darkness intensified. It wasn't long before the darkness had eyes. Haggard felt he was being watched.

That's when residents began telling the Haggards about the witches. There were rumors that covens were gathering in isolated, wooded areas in nearby Manitou Springs. There were stories that beheaded goats and mutilated cows had been found in the mountains, along with crude altars inscribed with pentagons.

Worse yet, there were whispers that human babies had been killed in occult rituals, although no such incidents were ever reported by authorities.

"Everybody was scared of the witches of Manitou Springs," says Lance Coles, a Bible college graduate who was 20 when he moved to the area with the Haggards. "Some of the businesses here were owned and operated by witch covens." he claims.

...Only months later would they (Haggards) begin hearing reports from new converts - men and women who said they had been involved in witchcraft and satanic rituals.

Haggard says the situation in 1984 looked bleak, especially for an inexperienced pastor with plans to organize a church. He had been advised that Colorado Springs was a "pastors graveyard," he says.

Just days after Haggard gathered 25 Christians in the basement of his house for the first meeting of New Life Church, people who claimed to be linked to the occult launched what seemed like a disorganized campaign of harassment. On one occasion, a Satanist howled like a cat outside Haggard's home during a prayer meeting. It was not uncommon for self professing witches to interrupt church services by invoking curses or incantations.

Haggard then started receiving anonymous threats - so many that he and his wife routinely unplugged their telephone. The callers usually said they were planning to kill Haggard. "During those years my wife and I learned to say our good-night prayers," he says today. "We learned that prayer is the best security system."

Haggard was so aware of God's supernatural protection, he says, that he didn't flinch when a woman who was talking to him in his driveway pulled a steak knife out of her purse and tried to stab him. She claimed she was a Christian, "but she seemed troubled that our church was growing," he says.

On another occasion, Haggard and Coles were praying with a woman who said she had been involved in the occult. When Haggard mentioned the name of Jesus, the lady become violent, "She seemed like a nice, sweet person.," Coles recalls. "But when Ted confronted the demon, her face began to contort and she lunged out of her chair. She was going for Ted's throat."

Members of New Life Church began meeting daily at noon for prayer at Haggard's house. "We felt that God was mobilizing us into a spiritual army," Haggard recalls. "We felt aggressive. So we found out where satanic groups were meeting and we began praying over those places and breaking demonic posed in Jesus' name.

Before long, Haggard's prayer warriors were fanning out across the city to pray specifically for each house on every street in targeted neighborhoods. On some days, the teams would pray for 100 houses a day and deliver gospel literature to each residence.

Soon, other churches in the city began to get involved in what seemed like a strategic war behind enemy lines. Some intercessors staged "prayer walk" around the city, claiming neighborhoods for the Lord. Prayer groups gathered in front of businesses they suspected were owned by witches and asked God to bring salvation to the owners.

The methods used by Haggard's intercessors were unorthodox at times. They snipped the Colorado Springs phone book into small sections and prayed over every name listed. On many occasions, when church members learned that certain pieces of property were for sale, they would pour anointing oil on the ground - symbolizing that the real estate belonged to the Holy Spirit. Then they prayed that God would hand-pick a buyer.

" We often went to buildings and claimed them for Christ," Haggard admits. "We just felt we needed to aggressively take territory for Jesus. But it wasn't out of a haughty attitude of wanting to take control for ourselves."

All this prayer prompted immediate results. Haggard told Charisma. Some of the businesses owned by witch covens shut down. The wife of a supposed leader of Satanists came to New Life Church and said she'd had an encounter with Christ. Haggard's congregation grew steadily, and 40 percent of those who joined were new converts - many from neighborhoods that had been targeted by prayer teams.

But Haggard says the biggest breakthrough came one cold evening in late 1985 when a group of men from New Life Church stayed up all night battling what they called "a demon of religious control." Haggard is convinced that the evil presence he had sensed in the city since the moment he arrived was chased from its lair that night.

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How pastor Ted Haggard and members of New Life Church waged an invisible war to claim Colorado Springs, for Christ. *(continued from previous page)*

People who don't like the change say the religious right has seized power. One gay rights group called Ground Zero is so convinced that Christians are trying to take controlof the area that they've set up their own command center in town to warn people about the conspiracy.

But evangelical Christians in Colorado Springs .... say the transformation of the city's moral climate has less to do with politics or anti-homosexual sentiment and much more to do with spiritual causes.

" The difference is like night and day," Haggard says, noting that in the past eight years the local crime, divorce and suicide rates have declined and the foreclosure rate on houses has dropped.

For the most part, city fathers liked the idea of Christian organizations setting up shop in town because such groups create service jobs but don't pollute the environment. In 1988, the International Bible Society moved to the city; in 1989, the Christian and Missionary Alliance denomination joined them; they were followed in 1991 by Every Home for Christ. HCJB World Radio Missionary Fellowship, OC International and James Dobson's Focus on the Family - which employs more than 1,200.

Today, there are more than 65 evangelical organizations based in the city - so many that it has been tagged "the Vatican of American evangelicalism." Ted Haggard smiles when he recalls how various ministries began buying property in the city. In some cases, the groups purchased land that New Life Church members had "claimed" in prayer three or four years ago.

"You can't explain the Colorado Springs phenomenon in natural terms," Haggard says. "These ministries didn't come here for political reasons, or simply because of the low cost of living. They came because they heard about the renewal that was occurring in the churches."

Dick Eastman, director of Every Home for Christ (EHFC), agrees with Haggard's observation. Although economics certainly played a role in his decision to move EHFC to Colorado from Southern California, he said Colorado Springs was appealing because he knew Christians had been "waging strategic -level warfare prayer" in the area. That made the city attractive to Eastman because he wants to establish a 24 hour transdenominational prayer center here someday.

One local Methodist minister, Harvey Martz, expressed the view of the minority of mainline church leaders when he told the Gazette Telegraph that the values of the so-called religious right "represented religion at its worst - it's judgmental, self-righteous, intolerant, repressive, exclusive, and legalistic."

But Ted Haggard views this current backlash asevidence that the Holy Spirit is convicting people of their sins.

"People are writing letters to the editor in the local paper saying they feel pressure to get saved,: Haggard says with a grin. "That's good. I want to make it hard for people to go to hell from Colorado Springs."

Haggard has developed a strategy, he calls "the Colorado Springs model" - a concept he hopes churches in other cities will adopt. Designed to encourage citywide evangelism, it consists of five key points:

* Christian must decide to focus on the absolutes of the Word of God rather than secondary doctrinal differences.
* Pastors should promote the ministry of Jesus Christ rather than that of their own local churches.
* Believers should pray for the growth of the kingdom of God in their city instead of just praying for their own churches' outreach.
* Christians must learn to appreciate one another's differences - especially their styles of worship and their respective doctrinal interpretations.
* Believers should express supportive speech and actions toward other congregations.

The key ingredient that will make this model work, Haggard says, is humility - a character quality he exhibits when he talks about the way his city has changed over the past eight years. He winces when anyone suggests that he or New Life Church should take the credit for chasing the devil out of town.

"I didn't do it," Haggard says emphatically. "My church didn't do it." We were just instruments in God's hand, and we reaped what other Christians had quietly sown for years here."

But Haggard is not reluctant to say that is was the power of prayer that pierced the darkness over Colorado Springs. And that same miracle, he insists, could happen anywhere.

Whats in a name?

You tell us. We're being rampaged with inquiries about namimg this Newsletter. When? When? When? We'd love to name it - but don't have any ideas. Why don't you help us? Drop by the office or mail your suggestion to the Newsletter committee, the selected name will become our Banner, and the suggestor will receive a special Ground Zero T-shirt! Let's start the New Year with a New Name!! Please submit your suggestions by Dec 15th...

Colorado for Family Values - "Amendment 2 and Beyond"

COLORADO FOR FAMILY VALUES - IN THE YEARS AHEAD
excerpts from a brochure GZ received from CFV

Our first priority will always be to safeguard the victory and the true meaning of Amendment 2 in Colorado. Beyond our home state, however, we feel a strong responsibility to make the best possible use of the lessons Amendment 2 brought us. These two visions comprise the future of Colorado for Family Values.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Colorado for Family Values is to pro-actively lead and assist those opposing the militant homosexual attack on traditional values; to act as a resource equipping grassroots efforts through education and training of like-minded organizations and individuals across America dedicated to preserving the fundamental freedoms of speech, association, assembly, belief and conscience protected by Colorado's Amendment Two; to preserve the right to disagree with and resist, in a civil and compassionate manner, the forced affirmation of the homosexual lifestyle.

We encourage love and acceptance toward all member of society. We hold to the following truths:

Acceptance does not mean agreement.
Opposition does not mean hatred.
Disagreement does not mean intolerance.
Loves does not mean license.

So what does it all mean?

It means that in Colorado, homosexuals' sexual preference will not entitle them to quota preferences, minority status, or claim of discrimination. These special protected rights have historically been granted only to ethnic minorities suffering clear, systematic discrimination and economic disadvantage. That's why Amendment 2 doesn't deny homosexuals a single "basic civil right."

So what about the "claim to discrimination"?

The word "discrimination" has been the most distorted and misunderstood word in the Amendment 2 controversy. Opponents have falsely alleged that a claim to discrimination is part of an American's equal rights and that any form of discrimination - on any basis - should be prohibited.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

First of all, nowhere does American law grant blanket immunity from discrimination. Our legal system grants immunity from discrimination only to members of groups which have 1) been systematically discriminated against in an economically, educationally and culturally demonstrably way, 2) which are readily identifiable by an immutable (ethnic) trait, and 3) which have no ready political recourse. These criteria form the judicial foundation for the entire framework of protected status in America. (That's why a claim to discrimination is a special right.) To do away with them is to destroy the hard-won gains achieved by African/American, Hispanics, women, the disabled, and more.

So what does "discrimination" really mean?

To "discriminate" is to choose. The freedom to choose is at the heart of a democratic society. Just because some people make choices on the wrong basis (on the basis of race, gender, etc.) doesn't mean we should eliminate choice altogether. Should the NBA's discrimination against the "vertically challenged" be outlawed? Or the modeling industry's discrimination against the less attractive? When Democrats asked voters to choose Bill Clinton over George Bush, weren't they asking them to "discriminate"? Actually, most reasons for discrimination are not only permissible, but essential to freedom.

The fact is, to support Amendment 2 is to support equal rights for all - and to reserve special protections only for the truly disadvantaged. It is to protect the majority's freedoms of association and belief from destruction.

BORN GAY

written by William A. Henry III, published in *Time*, July 26, 1993.

Studies in family trees and DNA make the case that male homosexuality is in the genes.

What makes people gay? To conservative moralists, homosexuality is a sin, a willful choice of godless evil. To many orthodox behaviorists, homosexuality is a result of a misguided upbringing, a detour from a straight path to martial adulthood; indeed, until 1974 the American Psychiatric Association listed it as a mental disorder. To gays themselves, homosexuality is neither a choice nor a disease but an identity, deeply felt for as far back as their memory can reach. To them, it is not just behavior, not merely what they do in lovemaking, but who they are as people, pervading every moment of their perception, every aspect of their character.

The origins of homosexuality may never be fully understood, and the phenomenon is so complex and varied - as is every other kind of lover - that no single neat explanation is likely to suffice to explain any one man or woman, let alone multitudes. But the search for understanding advanced considerably last week with the release of new studies that make the most compelling case yet that homosexual orientation is at least partly genetic.

A team at the National Cancer Institute's Laboratory of Biochemistry reported in the journal Science that families of 76 gay men included a much higher proportion of homosexual male relative than found in the general population. Intriguingly, almost all the disproportion was on the mother's side of the family. That prompted the researchers to look at the chromosomes that determine gender, known as X and Y. Men get an X from their mothers and a Y from their father; women get two X's, one from each parent. Inasmuch as the family trees suggested that male homosexuality may be inherited from mothers, the scientists zeroed in on the X chromosome.

Sure enough, a separate study of the DNA from 40 pairs of homosexual brothers found that 33 pairs shared five different patches of genetic material grouped around a particular area on the X chromosome. Why is that unusual? Because the genes on a son's X chromosome are a highly variable combination of the genes on the mother's two X's, and thus the sequence of genes varies greatly from one brother to another. Statistically, so much overlap between brothers who also share a sexual orientation is unlikely to be just coincidence. The fact that 33 out of 40 pairs of gay brothers were found to share the same sequences of DNA in a particular part of the chromosome suggests that at least one gene related to homosexuality is located in that region. Homosexuality was the only trait that all 33 pairs shared; the brothers didn't all share the same eye color or shoe size or any other obvious characteristics. Nor, according to the study's principal author, Dean Hamer, were they all identifiably effeminate or, for that matter all macho. They were diverse except for sexual orientation. Says Hamer; "This is by far the strongest evidence to date that there is a genetic component to sexual orientation. We've identified a portion of the genome associated with it."

justify and explain, but something that should be accepted. Until people accept us, all the scientific evidence in the world will not do anything to change homophobia." Moreover, gays are worried that precise identification of a "gayness gene" might prompt efforts to tinker with the genetic code of gay adults or to test during pregnancy and abort potentially gay fetuses. Says Thomas Stoddard, director of the Campaign for Military Service: "One can imagine the science of the future manipulating information of this kind to reduce the number of gay people being born."

The link to mothers may help explain a conundrum: If homosexuality is hereditary, why doesn't the trait gradually disappear, as gays and lesbians are probably less likely than others to have children? The answer suggested by the new research is that genes for male homosexuality can be carried and passed to children by heterosexual women and those genes do not cause the women to be homosexual. A similar study of lesbians by Hamer's team is taking longer to complete because the existence and chromosomal location of responsible genes is not a obvious as it is in men. But preliminary results form the lesbian study do suggest that female sexual orientation is genetically influenced.

In a related, unpublished study, Hamer added to growing evidence that male homosexuality may be rarer than as long though - about 2% of the population, vs. the 4% to 10% found by Kinsey and others. Hamer notes, however, that he defined homosexuality very narrowly. "People had to be exclusively or predominately gay, and had to be out to family members and an outside investigator like me. If we had used a less stringent definition, we would probably have found more gay men."

Before the NCI, research is accepted as definitive, it will have to be validated by repetition. Moreover, the tight focus on pairs of openly homosexual brothers, who are only a subset of the total gay population, leaves many questions about other categories of gay men, lesbians and bisexuals. The NCI researchers concede that their discovery cannot account for all male homosexuality and may be just associated with gayness rather than be a direct cause. But authors of other studies indicating a biological basis for homosexuality saluted it as a major advance.

Simon LeVay, who won wide publicity for an analysis of difference in brain anatomies between straight and gay men, acknowledges that the brains he studied were of AIDS victims, and thus he cannot be sure that what he saw was genetic rather than the result of disease or some aspect of gay life. Says LeVay: "This new work and the studies of twins are two lines of evidence point in the same direction. But the DNA evidence is much stronger than the twin studies." Dr. Richard Pillard, professor of psychiatry at Boston University School of Medicine and co-author of

some twin studies - showing that identical twins of gay men have a 50% chance of being gay - is almost as laudatory. Says he: "If the new study holds up, it would be the first example of a higher-order behavior that has been found to be linked to a particular gene."

Whatever its ultimate scientific significance, however, the study's social and political impact is potentially even greater. If homosexuals are deemed to have a fore-ordained nature, many of the arguments now used to block equal rights would lose force. ....Gregory J. Kin of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, one of the largest gay-rights lobbying groups responded: "This is a landmark study that can be very helpful in increasing public support for civil rights for lesbian and gay American." Some legal scholars think that if gays can establish a genetic basis for sexual preference, like skin color or gender, they may persuade judges that discrimination is unconstitutional.

In addition, genetic evidence would probably affect many private relationships. Parents might be more relaxed about allowing children to have gay teachers, Boy Scout leaders and other role modes, on the assumption that the child's future is written in his or her genetic makeup. Those parents whose offspring do turn out gay might be less apt to condemn themselves. Says Cherie Garland of Ashland, Oregon, mother of a 41 year-old gay son: "The first thing any parent of a gay child goes through is guilt. If homosexuality is shown to be genetic, maybe parents and children can get on with learning to accept it." Catherine Tuerk, a nurse psychotherapist who is Washington chapter president of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, regrets sending her son Joshua into therapy from ages eight to 12 for an "aggression problem" - preference for games involving relationships instead of macho play with, say toy trucks. Says she: "We were trying to cure him of something that doesn't need to be cured. There was nothing wrong with him." On the other hand mothers how used to blame themselves for faulty upbringing may start blaming themselves for passing on the wrong genes.

Gay brothers surveyed for the study welcome its finding. Rick and Randy Gordon, Twins form Orlando, Florida, never felt being gay was a matter of free will. Rick, who works in a law firm, says, "I don't honestly think I chose to be gay". Randy, a supervisor at a bed-and-breakfast agrees: "I always believed that homosexuality was something I was born with. If homosexuality is genetic, there is nothing you can do about it. if there is more research like this in years to come, hopefully homosexuality will be accepted rather than treated as an abnormality."

Ralph White, 36, an attorney with the General Accounting Office, says he was fired form a senatorial staff in 1982 after admitting he was gay. he foresees abiding significance in the study: "I don't expect people to suddenly change their mind. But the long-term impact will be profound. I can't imagine that rational people, presented with evidence that homosexuality is biological and not a choice, would continue to discriminate." his brother David, 32, a public relations officer, wishes he had had a bias for believing in a genetic cause during this turbulent adolescence: "I was defiant, and to this day I'm probably still that way, because when you're gay in this society you almost have to be."

While many gay leaders welcome the study, some are queasy. Its very existence, they fret, implies that homosexuality is wrong and defective. Says Donald Sugg of the New York chapter of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation: "Homosexuality is not something to

Warns Eric Juengst of the National Center for Human Genome Research: "This is a two-edged Sword. It can be used to benefit gays by allowing them to make the case that the trait for which they're being discriminated against is no worse than skin color. On the other hand, it could get interpreted to mean that difference is pathological."

Anti-gay activists took up that cry immediately, saying that a genetic basis for homosexuality does not make it any more acceptable. They noted that genetic links are known or suspected for other traits that society judges "undesirable," such as mental and physical illness. Said the Rev. Louis Sheldon, chairman of the Traditional Values Coalition: "The fact that homosexuality may be genetically based will not make much difference for us from a public policy perspective." Reed Irvine, whose watchdog group, Accuracy in Media, increasingly criticizes favorable reportage about gays and gay rights, called for more coverage of studies that he claims show homosexuality can b e "cured" - as assertion that both gays and health professionals widely dispute. Says Irvine: "it's a little more complicated than just saying you can prove there's a hereditary factor. The media have given zero attention to the many, many homosexuals who have gone straight. I think it's sending gays the wrong message to say you cannot change because it's something your genes have determined."

Even gays admit that Irvine is partly right. Homosexuality is not simply programmed but is a complex expression of values and personality. As researcher Hamer says, "Genes are part of the story, and this gene region is part of the genetic story, but it's not all of the story. But to have even part of it can bring light where of late there has been mostly a searing heat. *Reported by Ellen Germain/Washington and Alice Park/ New York.*

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A PLAYWRIGHT'S INSIGHT AND WARNING

by Jonathan Tolins, *Time*, July 26, 1993

In the hours after the new study linking homosexuality with heredity was released, I was asked several times if I possessed psychic posers. The play I wrote, The Twilight of the Golds, is a story of a family thrown into turmoil when a pregnant woman is told through genetic testing that her fetus will most likely be homosexual. "It's like The China Syndrome and Three Mile Island," people said. "How did you know to write about this year and a half ago?"

At first I replied, a bit smugly, "Well, if you followed the recent developments in this kind of research, the Simon LeVay hypothalamus study and all that, it was obvious that his was the direction in which we were headed. Blah, Blah, Blah."

But that's not the real answer. The truth is, I knew as just about any gay person did, that it was only a matter of time. I know in my bones that my own sexuality was not a decision but a natural part of who I am. I was confident that it wasn't a sign of psychiatric illness or of a dysfunctional upbringing - my father was just as smothering as my mother, thank you, an in the best way possible. The coming-out process is not one of choice but of self-discovery and acceptance. To find a biological or genetic basis for this variation of human nature made perfect sense.

So my first reaction to the news (after "I hope this sells some tickets") was one of excitement and relief. So much of the anti-gay legal and social argument is based on the premise that it is a learned behavior and an immoral choice. This would prove them wrong? That feeling lasted about a minute and a half. The notion that Pat Robertson might look at a chart of DNA and say, "Well, I'll be; I've been wrong all this time. I'd better send an apology, maybe a small gift to Larry Kramer...: is absurd. Indeed, conservatives have already come forward with their own interpretations of the new findings: a representative of the Family Research Council compared homosexuality with illnesses like alcoholism. It seems that those who have a fundamental hatred of homosexuals will not be swayed.

And without the potential good this new information can do in changing people's minds, the potential dangers are terrifying. Some may search for a "sure" or, in the more immediate future, consider aborting a fetus that is predicted to be gay. This is the scenario in the Twilight of the Golds, the final opera in Richard Wagner's Ring cycle. The Ring is a sprawling work about gods and mortals deciding the fate of the world. The information the Gold family received in the play puts them in the same godlike position, just where the current crop of genetic discoveries puts all of us. It is impossible to overstate the significance of these questions, What kind of world do we want? How will we make these decisions? Whom do we let in? Homosexuals are particularly vulnerable in this situation because, distinct form most other minorities, they are born into a family of people unlike themselves. Even the most liberal-minded heterosexual may stop for a moment and think, "Well, do I want my child to be gay?" In that moment of reflection lies the danger of genocide. No, it wouldn't have the calculated and theatrical horror of the concentration camps, but a minority population would be destroyed.

Well, so what? If people have such a dislike for homosexuals and subject them to discrimination and violence, why not remove this gene that brings with it so much controversy and suffering? The answer to this chilling question is simple. Because we'll lose too much. Being gay is not just a question of sexuality. When you are gay, you are part of a community, and it's not just the one shown in that cheesy footage of bare-chested guys slamdancing on the evening news. (When they need heterosexual" footage, do the cameramen run to the local Chippendale's/)

Gay people are exactly that, "a people." When you come out, you discover a mysterious, close bond with others like you that is based on something much deeper than sex. What we share is unrelated to geography, religion or ethnicity. What links us is our feelings. This may be why there is such a thriving gay culture, filled with wit and celebration. Even the ravages of the AIDS epidemic haven't destroyed the gay spirit. Can you remove what makes a person gay and maintain that unique sensibility that has played a disproportionate role in the world's art and history? I didn't think so. As the character of David Gold pints out, "Every human being is a tapestry. You pull one thread, one undesirable color, and the art unravels. You end up staring at the walls."

The way to prevent this nightmare is not to put limits on scientific research or on a woman's right to have an abortion. Those are Band-Aid solutions that attack the wrong problem. The only solution is a frank discussion through which people understand the richness of the gay community and that to attack one unpopular group is to attack us all, no matter how skilled the rhetoric used in the cause of bigotry. The sooner such discussions take place, the better, for science will not wait.

When Twilight opened recently in Washington, I was fortunate enough to spend a day at the band-new and heartbreaking Holocaust Museum. Yet again, I was stunned by the Nazis/ painstaking "scientific" attempts to rid the gene pool of unwanted traits. Now, barley 50 years later, science is giving us the knowledge and tools that Hitler's medical staff only dreamed of. Our society will be forced, whether it wants to or not, to answer this question and others like it: Was Hitler wrong about the Jews but right about the homosexuals?

For those of us who think he wasn't right at all, it's time, once again, to get to work.

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NEED A CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA? Jack Castiglione has written a book entitled "The Straight Person's Guide to Gay People's Anguish" published by Northwest Publishing, 1992. Below is an excerpt from the Summer/Fall 1993 publication of Creation Spirituality, reviewed by R. Quines.

A Straight Person's Guide to Gay People's Anguish is a superbly written expose about wide-spread and demeaning treatment. It challenges the unfounded and offensive notions blatantly voiced today to deny equal status to the gay population. Castiglione displays a genuine introspection about the plight of gays and their frustrating and often painful journey to acquire self-acceptance and social justice in an environment of degrading misconceptions and stereotypes.

Castiglione gives real-life examples of violence against gays, which is dramatically increasing as evidenced by the hate crimes statistics he includes. This data shows that the most common crime perpetrated against gays is "bashing." He cites that hate-motivated physical assaults are directed toward gay men more than toward any other cultural or minority group.

He describes systemic discrimination against the gay community in employment, in school, in housing, in the military, in the insurance and medical institutions, and in churches. Castiglione sees the potential political power of the gay community as that of a sleeping giant. AS gays and lesbians increasingly continue to each out actively for their equality, no institutionalized discrimination will stand. The key to this power is in each individual simply and proudly acknowledging his or her own sexuality.

Simply written, this book is valuable to therapists, religious leaders, social workers, teachers, law enforcement personnel, (car dealers) and other professionals as a tool to understand the gay person's anguish. This book seems literally to place the reader in the midst of psychologically damaging and physically abusive experiences that ca neither be denied nor defended. It is too emotionally gripping for any attentive reader to avoid being deeply emotionally impacted and shaken.

It is an ideal book to send to the parents and friends of someone gay or lesbian. They will find no better heart-to-heart resource for understanding gays. Whether rejection is seen as fostered in biblical, political, legal, psychological, or cultural structures, this book exposes such rejection as antisocial and UN-Christian behavior. Castiglione points out that gays need to be understood in order to counter the misunderstanding which stubbornly persists and which continues to hinder basic acceptance of them and their attainment of equality.

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